

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



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"Ensuring a Safe  
Harford"

#### EDUCATION

"Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future"

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

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Harford's Prosperity"

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our  
Environment"

#### QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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### Community Services Uses Mediation to Create a Peaceful Neighborhood

#### *Community Conversation on National Conflict Resolution Day*

(Bel Air, MD) - - In honor of National Conflict Resolution Day, the Harford County Community Mediation Program (HCCMP) is hosting a panel discussion entitled "Making Peace with your Neighbor and Creating Win-Win Solutions (using Mediation)" on Thursday, October 16, 6:30-8:00 pm, at the McFaul Activity Center, Main Dining Room, located at 525 W. MacPhail Road in Bel Air.

October 16, 2014 marks the official Conflict Resolution Day (observed on the third Thursday in October). It presents the perfect opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of learning the tools and skills that can help us all to work out our differences peacefully.

The following topics will be discussed as they relate to creating a harmonious neighborhood environment: Animal Control (panelist Pam Arney with Animal Control); Land/Zoning (panelist Pete Gutwald with Planning & Zoning); and Neighborhood Issues (panelist Daniel Salem, Assistant State's Attorney). Facilitated by Susan E. Fisher, HCCMP, the panel discussion is free and open to the public. The event is produced with support from the Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO).

HCCMP is a program within the Harford County Department of Community Services. HCCMP is a free service for the citizens of the county. Mediators are trained volunteers from the community. They are available at any stage in a conflict. Referrals come from courts, police, civic groups, community organizations, government agencies, family and friends. HCCMP conducts outreach in the community, provides education about conflict management, and provides training for volunteer mediators.

For more information, contact [mediation@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:mediation@harfordcountymd.gov) or 4106384807, or visit [www.harfordmediation.org](http://www.harfordmediation.org).

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